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Re: U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/732,852 of LUONGO, Joseph S. for "Strengthened, Light Weight Wallboard and Method and Apparatus for Making the Same"; Filed: December 8, 2000; Our Docket No. 008800/00008.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:


1. Amendment and Election (3 pages total).
2. Petition for five (5) month extension of time (1 page total).
3. Our check in the amount of \$980.00 to cover the extension fee.
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For: STRENGTHENED, LIGHT WEIGHT CONSTRUCTION BOARD AND METHOD
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Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated June 11, 2002, the time to respond having been extended by petition filed herewith to December 11, 2002, please consider the following remarks and election.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14-48.

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary indicates that the instant restriction requirement is issued in response to Applicant's application as originally filed on December 8, 2000. However, Applicant directs the Examiner to the Preliminary Amendment filed January 10, 2001, which preliminary amendment modified sections of the specification, amended claims 1, 6, 22, 31, and 34, and cancelled claims 30 and 33. Applicant